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Lys Val Leu Arg Arg His.--

[ Rewrite Claim 3, as follows:]

--3. (Amended) A [The] <sup>recombinant DNA sequence</sup> DNA [fragment according to Claim 1] comprising a base sequence encoding a polypeptide possessing natriuretic activity, wherein said polypeptide has the following amino acid sequence:

His Pro Leu Gly Ser Pro Gly Ser Ala Ser Asp Leu Glu Thr Ser Gly Leu Gln Glu Gln Arg Asn His Leu Gln Gly Lys Leu Ser Glu Leu Gln Val Glu Gln Thr Ser Leu Glu Pro Leu Gln Glu Ser Pro Arg Pro Thr Gly Val Trp Lys Ser Arg Glu Val Ala Thr Glu Gly Ile Arg Gly His Arg Lys Met Val Leu Tyr Thr Leu Arg Ala Pro Arg Ser Pro Lys Met Val Gln Gly Ser Gly Cys Phe Gly Arg Lys Met Asp Arg Ile Ser Ser Ser Ser Gly Leu Gly Cys Lys Val Leu Arg HIS

[ Rewrite Claim 4 as follows:]

--4. (Amended) A [The] <sup>recombinant DNA sequence</sup> DNA [fragment according to Claim 1] comprising a base sequence encoding a polypeptide possessing natriuretic activity, wherein said polypeptide has the following amino acid sequence:

Met Asp Pro Gln Thr Ala Pro Ser Arg Ala Leu Leu Leu Leu Leu Phe Leu His Leu Ala Phe Leu Gly Gly Arg Ser His Pro Leu Gly Ser Pro Gly Ser Ala Ser Asp Leu Glu Thr Ser Gly Leu Gln Glu Gln Arg Asn His Leu Gln Gly Lys Leu Ser Glu Leu Gln Val Glu Gln Thr Ser Leu Glu Pro Leu Gln Glu Ser Pro Arg Pro Thr Gly Val Trp Lys Ser Arg Glu Val Ala Thr Glu Gly Ile Arg Gly His Arg Lys Met Val Leu Tyr Thr Leu

*Arg Ala Pro Arg Ser Pro Lys Met Val Gln Gly Ser Gly Cys*  
*Phe Gly Arg Lys Met Asp Arg Ile Ser Ser Ser Gly Leu*  
*Gly Cys Lys Val Leu Arg Arg His.--*

Claim 5, line 1, delete "fragment", same line, delete "1 or".

Claim 6, line 1, delete "fragment", same line, delete "1 or".

Claim 7, line 1, delete "fragment", same line, delete "1 or".

Cancel Claims 8 and 9, without prejudice.

BASIS FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Basis for the present claim amendments may be found in the originally filed claims. As such, no new matter is deemed to have been presented by this Amendment.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 8 and 9 have been cancelled. Claims 2-7 have been amended. Accordingly, Claims 2-7 remain pending in this application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has required restriction as between the following inventions, under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-7 drawn to a DNA fragment; and
- II. Claims 8 and 9 drawn to a peptide and compositions containing the same.